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Office of Nuclear Energy (NE) Integrated University Program (IUP) Status of Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Planning and Issues

NEUP Planning Workshop August 9, 2011



NE IUP Solicitation Status

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- FY 2011 Student Fellowship and Scholarship awards will not be issued due to lack of funding availability. Significant adverse impact on students and universities is well understood.
- NEUP will contact all applicants.
- IUP is not included in the FY 2012 budget request to Congress, reflecting the Administration's confidence that the nuclear industry, as it expands, will create incentives for students to enter nuclear-related programs.
- However, House Appropriations Committee Report for FY 2012 recommends \$5M to continue IUP scholarships, fellowships and educational opportunities. NNSA and NRC also included.



Improvements and New Elements

- When funded, NE IUP will include a mandatory internship as an element of the Fellowship program
- Expanded Fellowships and Scholarships to be open to legal residents
- Moving forward to adopt joint NRC & NNSA Performance Metrics. Increasing interest in metrics from Congress, Administration, media, and public



IUP Issues

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- Proper form and focus of IUP coordination between NE, NRC, and NNSA
- **Follow Up Workforce Survey Initiative**
- Under Secretary of Energy staff-level Interest in Education Programs Evolving but Still Significant. Bio-Energy Program Interest
- Government Accountability Office Survey of Education Programs